

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendments filed 1/03/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4,6,9,11,12,14,15,17-20,24,27,29,32,33,35,37,40,42 and 45-68.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Knedeisen on 1/31/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1, 14, 46, 49, 57, and 60: The preamble (lines 1-2) of these claims should read "A computer-implemented interactive user interface on a computer display, comprising."

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The examiner has carefully considered all pending claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17-20, 24, 27, 29, 32, 33, 35, 37, 40, 42, 45-68.

The current invention is directed towards a user interface that provides supply chain information.

One of the prior art of record, Hazel (US 7188317 B1) teaches a multi window display having independently linked windows. The Hazel reference teaches the limitations of the present invention that deal with the operation of the user interface windows. However, the Hazel reference fails to disclose the information that is

conveyed to the user through the user interface. In particular, Hazel fails to disclose "wherein at least one supplier company identifier is associated with a supplier level indicator that indicates a percentage range of revenue received by the company identified by the at least one supplier company identifier from the focal company" as recited in independent claims 1, 14, 19, 33, 49, 50, and 68. Hazel also fails to disclose "company identifiers for companies whose stock price is known to change with changes to the economic indicator" as recited in independent claims 46, 47, 48, 57- 62.

Another prior art of record, Baker et al. (US 6338067 B1) teaches a hierarchy database containing information about market competition. However, Baker does not provide the teachings that Hazel fails to teach.

An updated search of the prior art was conducted by the examiner, which yielded no significant sources for a rejection of claims 1, 14, 19, 33, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 57-62, and 68 over the prior art. Thus the prior art of record neither render nor anticipate the claimed invention.

Therefore, the above limitations, in specific combinations as recited in the independent claims, define the patentability of the claims.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nicholas S. Ulrich whose telephone number is 571-270-1397. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 9:00 - 5:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on 571-272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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